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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7183

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TAGS: ABLD, ASEC

SUBJECT: FIRE AT NEW CHANCERY BUILDING

ALSO FOR ARA/EX, A/SY, A/FBO AND NSU

1. FIRE BROKE OUT LATE AFTERNOON SEPT 20 IN MAIN UTILITY SHAFT LOCATED WEST SIDE OF ELEVATOR SHAFT ON SECOND FLOOR AT EOBBA. FORTUNATELY ROS BECKETT, GSO DUNCAN, AND TWO SEABEES WERE CONDUCTING INSPECTION OF BUILDING AND SMELLED SMOKE AT ABOUT 5:00 P.M. FIRE WAS READILY BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL BY SEABEES, BUT BUENOS AIRES FIRE DEPT RESPONDED QUICKLY AND CONDUCTED INSPECTION. POLICE ALSO NOTIFIED.

2. DAMAGE APPEARS CONSIDERABLE, LIKELY IN EXCESS OF \$10,000. ALL TEMPORARY POWER TO SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH FLOORS DESTROYED. INSULATION FROM GROUND THROUGH FOURTH FLOOR BURNED OFF HVAC MAIN FEEDER LINE. 2 INCH WATER LINE FROM BASEMENT TO FOURTH FLOOR WILL HAVE TO BE REPLACED. DAMAGE TO CENTRAL ELECTRIC SYSTEM EXISTS BUT CANNOT BE ESTIMATED AT THIS TIME. REPAIRING HVAC MAY REQUIRE TEARING OUT BRICK WALLS OF UTILITY SHAFT.

3. IN OPINION OF RSO AND SEABEES, FIRE WAS INTENTIONALLY SET WITH CARDBOARD JAMMED INTO SHAFT, PORTIONS OF WHICH RECOVERED. ALSO, NO INDICATION THAT FIRE MIGHT HAVE STARTED ACCIDENTALLY, SUCH AS BY CARELESS WELDING ON ROOF.

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4. WILL REPORT FURTHER DETAILS AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

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